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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI'S MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST

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- 1. SUMMARY: MAJOR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION DURING TRAMPCZYNSKI'S SEPTEMBER 7 CALL ON VEST INCLUDED FOREIGN MINISTER WOJTASZEK'S INTEREST IN MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, POLAND'S GRAIN NEEDS, CSCE, AND THE MARISON AND FRIED VISA CASES. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS WAS ALSO PRESENT ALONG WITH DCM PAWLISZEWSKI. END SUMMARY
- 2. TRAMPCZYNSKI REITERATED POLAND'S STRONG DESIRE FOR A BILATERAL AT THE UNGA OR IN WASHINGTON IF THAT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE SECRETARY. HE NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE WOJTASZEK'S FIRST VISIT TO THE US AND THAT THE FOREIGN CONFIDENTIAL.

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MINISTER WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY GRAIN PURCHASES, AND RELATIONS IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY POLISH-FRG RELATIONS. IN THE LATTER REGARD, WOJTASZEK WOULD WANT TO INFORM THE SECRETARY ABOUT THE VISIT OF CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO POLAND LATER THIS MONTH AND ABOUT POLISH-FRG RELATIONS GENERALLY.

- 3. VEST REPLIED THAT WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THE SECRETARY MEET WITH WOJTASZEK AND WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE IT.SO FAR, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO FIRM TIMING FOR THIS OR ANY OF THE BILATERALS. VEST WENT ON SAY THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WANT TO HEAR WOJTASZEK'S VIEWS ON FRG-POLISH RELATIONS. HE WOULD PROBABLY WANT ALSO TO DISCUSS CSCE, UN-RELATED MATTERS, AND POSSIBLY US-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.
- 4. REGARDING POLAND'S GRAIN NEEDS, TRAMPCZYNSKI NOTED THAT THIS IS THE FOURTH BAD HARVEST IN A ROW. HE SAID THAT LAST YEAR POLAND HAD IMPORTED SEVEN MILLION TONS OF GRAIN AND ITS NEEDS THIS YEAR WOULD PROBABLY BE COMPARABLE. HE PREDICTED POLAND WOULD OBTAIN ONE TO ONE-AND-A-HALF MILLION TONS FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND WOULD HAVE TO BUY THE REST IN THE WEST, MOSTLY FROM THE U.S. HE BELIEVED A FAVORABLE RESPONSE WOULD COME SOON ON AT LEAST PART OF POLAND'S REQUEST FOR DOLLARS 300 MILLION IN CCC CREDITS (FYI: THE NAC ON SEPTEMBER 6 DISCUSSED DOLLARS 150 MILLION. APPROVAL IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK. THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT INDI-CATED IT WOULD PRESENT AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR POLAND IF ITS BUDGET OF DOLLARS 750 MILLION FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR IS INCREASED.) OBSERVING THAT CCC CREDIT TERMS ARE LITTLE BETTER THAN THOSE AVAILABLE COMMERCIALLY, TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID WOJTASZEK WOULD WANT TO RAISE SUCH QUESTIONS WITH THE SECRETARY CONFIDENTIAL

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- 5. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID HE IS PREPARING TO DISCUSS THESE SUBJECTS WITH AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BERGLAND BUT IS AWAITING INFORMATION FROM WARSAW ABOUT POLAND'S PRECISE GRAIN REQUIREMENTS. HE SAID THE HARVEST IS NEARLY IN AND HE HOPES AT LEAST APPROXIMATE FIGURES WILL SOON BE FORTHCOMING.
- 6. TRAMPCZYNSKI AGREED WITH LUERS' SUGGESTION THAT HE CALL SOON ON UNDERSECRETARY COOPER OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ TO ADVISE THEM OF THE SITUATION, EVEN IF ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS, SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN BE BETTER PREPARED TO ASSIST.

THE AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE WILL DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH SENATOR MCGOVERN ON SEPTEMBER 8.

7. ON CSCE, VEST RESPONDED TO TRAMPCZYNSKI'S QUERY BY EMPHASIZING OUR DESIRE FOR A SERIOUS REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AT BELGRADE. HE NOTED THAT MANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS' FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL BE SEEING EACH OTHER AT THE UNGA ONLY A COUPLE WEEKS BEFORE THE CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE OPENS. AGAIN TO THE AMBASSADOR'S QUERY, LUERS INDICATED

THAT WE HAVE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH POLAND IN THE OVERALL SENSE, ALTHOUGH THERE IS THE BILATERAL QUESTION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES AND, IN A LARGER SENSE, THE QUESTION OF A FREER INFORMATION FLOW.

8. VEST TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE FRIED AND MARISON CASES, SAYING HE WANTED TO REINFORCE THE DEMARCHE MADE BY OUR EMBASSY TO VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI (REFTELS). TRAMPCZYNSKI ACKNOWLEDGED HIS AWARENESS OF THE MARISON CASE BUT SAID HE WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THE FRIED ONE AND EVINCED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT IT. VANCE

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